



CAROLINE COUNTY 2005 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

Farm Numbers ¹	1992	1997 ³	2002
Number of Farms	588	556	506
Average Size (acres)	216	202	227
Land in Farms (acres)	126,981	112,545	114,843
Livestock Inventory ¹	1992	1997 ³	2002
Cattle	4,794	3,210	6,716
Hogs	7,395	6,368	1,224
Sheep	391	244	248
2002 Value of Sales ¹			
All Products (\$1,000)			104,358
Poultry & Eggs (\$1,000)			65,501
Grains & Oilseeds (\$1,000)			15,147
Vegetables (\$1,000)			7,863
Demographic Data ¹	1992	1997 ³	2002
Average Age of Operator	51.8	53.5	54.9
Percent Female Operators	8.2	7.6	8.9
2002 Equine Census			
Number of Equine Places			260
Equine Inventory			1,310
Value of Equine Inventory			\$7,290,000

Crop Production Acres Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002 ¹			
Corn for Grain	6	Soybeans	2
Barley	1	Vegetables	2
Forage	16	Wheat	2

Livestock & Poultry Inventories Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002 ¹			
Beef Cattle	21	Milk Cows	11
Broilers	4	Sheep	19
Hogs	11		

¹ Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.

² Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

³ Revised.

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Crop	Year	Acreage Harvested	Yield	Total Production
Corn for Grain (bushels)	2003	26,700	116.1	3,101,000
	2004	29,500	138.2	4,077,300
	2005	26,500	145.3	3,850,600
Corn for Silage (tons)	2003	2,600	16.8	43,600
	2004	2,000	23.4	46,700
	2005	3,000	18.7	56,200
Soybeans (bushels)	2003	45,500	32.0	1,454,200
	2004	51,500	41.3	2,126,000
	2005	50,500	30.6	1,545,000
Wheat (bushels)	2003	16,000	33.7	539,700
	2004	16,600	55.4	919,972
	2005	18,100	62.3	1,127,200
Hay (tons)	2003	2,900	2.7	7,900
	2004	3,500	2.7	9,300
	2005	3,400	2.7	9,000
Barley (bushels)	2003	8,300	45.3	376,100
	2004	7,700	72.8	560,400
	2005	8,500	93.4	794,000

* Acreage too small to publish.

	2003	2004	2005
Cropland Cash Rents (per acre)	\$74.66	\$73.67	\$81.26

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